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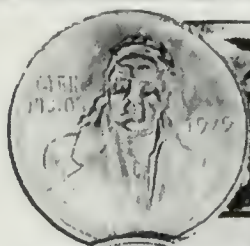
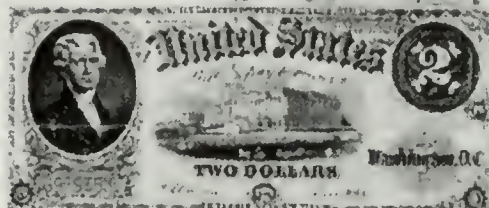
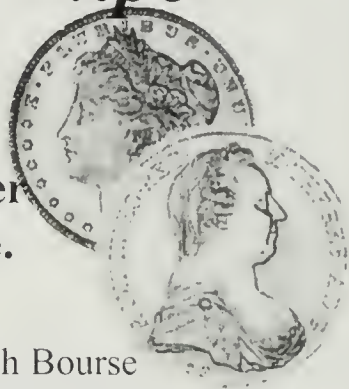


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Presidential Commentary

Roger Winkelhake

The fall meeting in Harvey, Illinois was a great success. Kermit Wasmer and his ILNA team were great hosts and put on an excellent convention.

Congratulations again to Bob Hendershott, Mr. FUN, on his 100th birthday from all CSNS members.

CSNS notice for the scholarship(s) to the 1999 ANA seminar appears in this issue of *The Centinel*. The awardees will be announced at the spring 1999 CSNS convention in Milwaukee.

Scholarship(s) for 2000 will be awarded earlier because the very popular seminars are nearly full when our awardees make their reservations with ANA. We anticipate the notice for 2000 will appear in the spring 1999 issue of *The Centinel*. The announcement of the 2000 awardees will be made at the fall 1999 board meeting.

This is a great opportunity for young numismatists and adults to receive scholarships to the ANA seminar that are worth approximately \$1,000 each.

Planning continues for our spring 1999 convention in Milwaukee, April 22-25.

Milwaukee is a great host city for our conventions. If you haven't attended a CSNS or other major show in Milwaukee, I encourage you to plan on attending the 1999 convention. In addition to a fine convention you will enjoy the great cuisine and other attractions of the city.

Roger Winkelhake
President

CSNS Honors Dave Rasor

The Central States Numismatic Society Board of Directors reported at their last meeting the establishment of a special exhibit award for "Most Educational Exhibit." The award will be named each year after a person who has supported the hobby over the years. The award to be given at the spring 1999 show will honor Dave Rasor of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dave Rasor was the pillar of the Old Fort Coin Club, and a member from the start of the club 41 years ago. He was life member number three and was always there to support the club. He was president three times, treasurer, secretary, and most importantly editor of the club newsletter *Chatter*. Dave also supported the hobby by being a member of the Indiana State Numismatic Society and serving on the state board for more than seven years. The world of numismatics, the State of Indiana, and the Old Fort Coin Club lost a valued member in May of this year. He will be deeply missed.

A Message from the Secretary

Jerry Lebo

Before I report on the activities of our society, I would like to share a personal note — something obviously pretty wonderful to me. Helen Carmody and I were married December 5 in Logansport, Indiana. Many of you know Helen, who is an ANA governor living in California. For the time being, we intend to maintain two households — in Indiana where I currently live — and in California. That's because we each have elderly mothers who require our attention.

Helen joined fellow ANA Governor John Wilson at our fall convention in Harvey, Ill., to present ANA Presidential Awards to Jim Kaczor, Kermit Wasmer and Sonny Henry — all three dedicated hobbyists from the state of Illinois. These awards are authorized by ANA President Anthony Swiatek to recognize people who have made significant contributions to numismatics.

Additionally, CSNS Governor Harry Tileston received a Presidential Award at the Kentucky State show during October in Louisville.

Congratulations to all of these recipients for their outstanding work in promoting our hobby.

Our Harvey convention marked the second straight year the Illinois Numismatic Association has been host for this event at the same location — a Ramada Inn just off the Tri-State Expressway. Kermit Wasmer, who surrendered the ILNA presidency to CSNS Governor Jack Huggins Jr. during the convention, managed the show perfectly despite the usual glitches that can disrupt things slightly, such as problems with the bourse area electrical wiring.

Kermit's better half, Donna, was joined by Nancy Wilson as hostesses for our hospitality suite. They did a superb job as all who visited the suite will attest. Nancy, of course, is a former ANA governor whose aforementioned husband, John, also serves on the CSNS board as past president.

More than 1,000 visitors attended the convention, which featured a 130-table bourse, exhibits and educational programs.

I was delighted with the convention souvenir: a \$2 chit in three varieties. One was printed on green paper and given to dealers, who in turn could spend it at the food service outlets in the hotel. Two others were issued strictly as souvenirs, one on pink and one on blue paper. The notes featured three "portraits" of presidents. Krause Publications President Cliff Mishler (wearing a wig) is on the front. The back shows ILNA President Kermit Wasmer and CSNS President Roger Winkelhake.

Here are some highlights of the CSNS Board of Governors meeting, in no particular order of importance.

Historian and Governor Marv Mericle reported he received the CSNS archives from his predecessor, Kurt Krueger. Typical of many club archives, there is a lot of items from years past that need to be added. If you have any CSNS memorabilia, please contact Marv. His address is in the list of officers in the front of *The Centinel*. His phone number is 219-749-2539.

Some technical changes were made in our exhibit rules. I raised a question

about the point distribution on the scoring sheet, which is identical to the one used by ANA. It allows a maximum of 10 points for rarity and 10 points for “degree of difficulty,” which, to me, is pretty much the same as rarity — not always, perhaps, but most of the time. Cutting to the bottom line, the CSNS board directed me to write a letter to ANA asking for a review of its scoring sheet.

We’re offering clubs that join CSNS a package deal for their first three years of dues: pay for two years and get three.

If you were at the Milwaukee convention this past spring, you might have been among the individuals who took our quizzes, developed by Governor Brian Fanton. The daily quizzes were so popular that we’re reprising them at the 1999 convention. The board appropriated \$200 for prizes to the winners.

We also approved \$200 for door prizes at CSNS educational seminars during the spring convention. Attend, learn something from the speakers and perhaps win a prize.

You might recall a referendum question on this year’s election ballot. The membership voted, by a fairly substantial margin, to approve the elimination of return postage for our biennial election ballots. That left the final decision up to the board, which voted to eliminate this postage and save the society hundreds of dollars each election.

An idea whose time may have come is being developed by our education committee. This would have CSNS provide speakers for seminars at various locations in the midwest. These would be separate events from our regular conventions.

In the same vein, we’re looking for more people to add to our speakers’ bureau list. If you’re interested in being on the list, contact VP Ray Lockwood, who is responsible for the speakers’ bureau.

Some other things of note.

Remember that CSNS scholarships to the ANA summer seminars will be awarded at our fall board meetings beginning in 1999. This summer’s scholarships still will be awarded this spring in Milwaukee. Then beginning next fall we’ll be awarding the grants for the following summer. This gives the winners more time to enroll in classes of their choosing.

Our contract with Heritage Auctions expires after the 1999 spring convention, so we’re soliciting bids for future years. Several other firms have expressed interest in bidding. If you have questions about the procedure, please contact me.

Many hobbyists are excited about the new 50-state quarter commemorative program that begins in 1999. In fact, John Wilson brought up the subject at our board meeting and encouraged all of us in the CSNS region to contact our respective state governors to offer input and suggestions about the designs.

As the new year begins, we turn our attention to Milwaukee and our spring anniversary convention April 22-25. We’ll occupy the city’s brand new convention center located just across the street from the old facility we used for a number CSNS shows over the years.

Bourse sales have been rather brisk, which is always good news. If you’re a dealer interested in having a booth, please contact me at 219-753-2489.

Ray and Fran Lockwood will be handling exhibits again. As usual, we’ll be offering gold coins to the exhibit winners. All exhibitors get a silver round and a

banquet ticket. Contact Ray and Fran at 765-664-6520.

One other thing the board approved in Harvey was the memorial naming of exhibit awards on a one-year basis, rather than making them permanent. For example, April's "Most Educational Award" will be named in memory of Dave Rasor of Fort Wayne, Ind., who died recently. The Best-of-Show will be named for the late John J. Pittman, a long-time supporter of CSNS and other organizations. John J., of course, was once president of ANA.

This decision does not affect other awards. The Ray O. Lefman Medal of Merit will continue to bear his name. The Elston G. Bradfield Literary Award will remain intact and go to the author of the best article in *The Centinel* each year.

General Chairman Kevin Foley is lining up another stellar list of educational programs. Be sure to attend one or more of them. You'll undoubtedly learn something.

Our YN program continues to grow. Governor Brian Fanton has assumed major responsibilities for the junior activities and promises a few new wrinkles in addition to the youth auction that has become such a popular event.

It's a little early to have a complete schedule of events, but for those of you who access the Internet, we'll try to keep updating the program on our web page. Visit us at http://www.money.org/club_csns.html.

Meanwhile, I've found time to be on the road, so to speak. The last weekend in October featured a short drive to Indianapolis, accompanied by Bob Julian, for the Indiana State convention. CSNS was well represented by yours truly, Kevin Foley, Vice President Ray Lockwood and Governors Paul Padget, Ed Rothberg and Marv Mericle. This was the last ISNA outing in the downtown Indiana Convention Center. Soaring expenses have forced Indiana State to relocate to an east-side motel next year.

I also returned to Indianapolis November 10 for the Indianapolis Coin Club's annual winter dinner, marking the start of the club's 60th year in existence. Fellow CSNS Governor Marv Mericle was the featured speaker. Also in attendance was ANA Executive Director Ed Rochette who presented the club with an ANA Presidential Award authorized by ANA President Anthony Swiatek. Rochette said it was the first time a club has received the presidential award as all previous recipients have been individuals.

Our travels also included the Michigan State convention in late November. Publishing deadlines prevent me from saying much more about this sturdy show, other than Ray Lockwood and wife Fran were to make the trek with me.

Helen and I will be driving south in January for the FUN show in Florida. We'll be visiting friends and relatives along the way, both to and from Orlando. I'll also be hawking Milwaukee CSNS booths during trips to Long Beach in February and the ANA show during March at Sacramento.

Hope to see you at one of these upcoming shows, especially our Milwaukee gathering in April.

Jerry Lebo
Secretary-Treasurer

Membership Applications

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

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7896	William C. Hancock II.....	Orlando FL
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Ronald O. Bordwine	Lisle IL
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Paul B. Nugget.....	Rockville Center NY

In Memoriam

The Board and membership of the Society join in extending our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the following member who passed away recently.

R 5095	Mark Mendelson	Cincinnati OH
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CSNS Board Meeting Minutes

Central States Numismatic Society
Board of Governors Meeting Minutes
Harvey, Illinois • Sept. 11-12, 1998

President Roger Winkelhake called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. Friday with all members present except Editors Jim and Karen Jach, who were excused.

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

President Winkelhake said he will continue the policy of open board meetings except in instances where sensitive topics require executive sessions.

Guests were introduced: former CSNS Governor Jim Kaczor, former ANA Governor Nancy Wilson, ANA Governor Helen Carmody, ILNA President Kermit Wasmer, his wife, Donna Wasmer, Krause Publications President Cliff Mishler and ILNA Secretary Frank Zapushek.

ANA Governors John Wilson and Helen Carmody, acting on behalf of ANA President Anthony Swiatek, presented ANA Presidential Medals to Jim Kaczor and Kermit Wasmer.

Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Lebo noted the minutes of the preceding meeting should have included the board's decision to begin awarding ANA seminar scholarships at the fall board meeting, beginning in 1999. Ray Lockwood motioned and John Wilson seconded the minutes be accepted as modified. Approved.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.

In his secretary's report, Lebo noted CSNS currently has 1,816 members after about 190 were dropped for non-payment of dues. The current total was 57 more than a year earlier.

Finance and Treasury Oversight Committee member Harry Tileston said CSNS will continue to ladder its CDs to make sure at least one matures each year.

Kermit Wasmer, who served as convention general chairman, thanked his wife, Donna, for her assistance. He said the show was a success although there were some electrical problems in the bourse. He presented the board with chits developed for the dealers.

In the absence of Editors Jim and Karen Jach, Secretary Lebo presented their report, which recommended having Stanton Printing and Publishing become the printer for *The Centinel*. So moved by Paul Padget and seconded by John Wilson. Approved.

President Winkelhake said the Medal of Merit Committee will consider possible nominees for the award.

Historian Marv Mericle said he has received the archives from his predecessor, Kurt Krueger. (Thanks to Rollie and Betty Finner for picking them up.) Marv said he will inventory the holdings. He also will contact selected individuals who might be able to provide additional material for the archives.

Paul Padget asked about convention expenses and the acquisition of future convention sites. Spring Convention General Chairman Kevin Foley said costs will continue to escalate at convention centers, and there is also a greater difficulty in obtaining show dates as convention centers seek conventions larger than ours. Foley also recommended the board never approve a show site until the site has been examined and a budget proposed.

Several technical changes in the exhibit rules were presented by Exhibit Committee member Jack Huggins Jr., who also recommended the naming of exhibit awards in honor of individuals be done on an annual, rather than permanent, basis. Seconded by Brian Fanton. Approved. President Winkelhake said the 1999 best educational exhibit will be named in memory of the late Dave Rasor of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Secretary Lebo noted our exhibit scoring sheets are now identical to those used by ANA and questioned the wisdom of awarding a maximum of 10 points for rarity and 10 points for degree of difficulty. He said the latter often is similar in scope to the former, meaning 20 percent of the total score could be based on rarity. As we want to conform with ANA rules, the secretary was instructed to write to ANA and ask for a review of its scoring guidelines. Huggins also suggested we poll exhibitors for their opinion.

Ray Lockwood said Sonny Henry has been invited to call the Young Numismatists' auction next April in Milwaukee for the second straight year. Ray said he and Brian Fanton are also developing some new wrinkles for the YN program.

Brian Fanton said the availability of ANA seminar scholarships will be published in *The Centinel*, including a note that the 1999 recipients will be named at our spring meeting and the 2000 winners at our fall meeting. CSNS will be awarding future scholarships at our fall meeting to give recipients sufficient time to make class reservations for the following summer.

Glen Jorde of the Dealer Committee said it's unlikely the airlines will make exceptions for coin dealers regarding carry-on luggage regulations. Ed Rothberg read a letter he drafted to send to the airlines. Following discussion, President Winkelhake instructed legal counsel to review the letter and report back to the board.

Brian Fanton moved and John Wilson seconded to offer three years of membership for the price of two years to clubs that join CSNS. Approved.

It was noted our three-year contract with Heritage Auctions will expire at next spring's convention. A letter inviting bids for future auctions will be mailed to auction firms and published in *The Centinel*.

Bill Brandimore suggested the development of a pamphlet for dealers, listing some dos and don'ts about safety. He will report back to the board next spring.

Brian Fanton said the daily quizzes used at the spring convention were successful and recommended continuing them, with some modifications. Jerry Lebo moved to appropriate \$200 for quiz prizes. Seconded by Harry Tileston. Approved.

There was discussion about how to break a tie if one exists in our biennial elections. Glen Jorde moved and Ed Rothberg seconded to use a coin toss under the supervision of the ethics committee. Approved, 7-6, with President Winkelhake casting the deciding vote.

Noting the membership had approved a proposal to eliminate return postage on election ballots, Harry Tileston moved and Bob Kutcher seconded to eliminate the return postage. Approved.

Ray Lockwood said he would like to add more names to the speakers' bureau. Speakers on the list need not be board members.

John Wilson moved and Paul Padget seconded to appropriate \$200 for door prizes at CSNS educational programs during the spring convention.

Secretary Lebo said he has ordered gold jackets for new board members but has had problems confirming the order.

General Chairman Kevin Foley said plans to have a section for postcard dealers at the 1999 spring convention have been cancelled. He also asked for comments about the convention. Marv Mericle suggested not having a curtain divider between the dealer and exhibit areas. It also was noted that bourse applications are being mailed. A 1999 convention budget was presented. Foley also said the Saturday night banquet needs to be made smaller to reduce expenses.

Paul Padget said he expects a strong show when the CSNS 1999 fall convention is staged at Fort Mitchell, Ky. He said he probably will open a second room for dealers and that there is room for about 25 cases of exhibits.

There was considerable discussion about local ordinances in various cities dealing with second-hand dealer licensing. Legal Counsel Rob Green will continue to review the ordinance in Minneapolis, site of the 2000 convention.

No invitation has been received for a fall show in 2000 or 2001 in Dearborn, Mich.

Harry Tileston said the CSNS board can meet at the Kentucky state show in 2000 if no other site is chosen. Glen Jorde said Fargo, N.D. and Sioux Falls, S.D. might be sites for fall conventions.

Kevin Foley said he has applied for Wisconsin sales tax exemption for the 1999 spring convention in Milwaukee but has received no response. Following discussion of our legal standing, Jerry Lebo moved and John Wilson seconded to have legal counsel proceed with seeking a revision of our recognized status with the Internal Revenue Service; namely from social organization to educational organization. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m. Friday; reconvened at 8 a.m. Saturday with all members present except Brian Fanton and Editors Jim and Karen Jach, all excused.

Jack Huggins Jr. announced the Illinois State Numismatic Association has issued an open invitation to host CSNS conventions. The question of a fall 2000 convention was deferred to the next board meeting.

The discussion of airline carry-on policies was reopened. The consensus opinion was there is no reason to send another letter similar to the one mailed a year ago; and that ICTA will be asked to give a report at our spring board meeting about its lobbying efforts with the airlines.

The show committee reported there would be no free bar and free dinner wine at next year's banquet to save money.

John Wilson moved and Harry Tileston seconded to include a waiver of liability in the CSNS scholarship application form. Approved.

John Wilson moved and Jack Huggins Jr. seconded to increase the directors' and officers' insurance policy coverage from \$1 million to \$2 million. Approved.

Jerry Lebo moved and Harry Tileston seconded to allow ICTA to seek new members by using part of the CSNS annual donation as bourse fee rebates. Approved.

Ray Lockwood proposed the development of CSNS seminars which are not necessarily presented during CSNS conventions. The educational committee will work on the proposal and report at the spring convention. Lockwood was added to the committee.

John Wilson moved and Bill Brandimore seconded to appropriate \$300 for promotions at the CSNS booth during the ANA convention in Chicago next year. Approved.

John Wilson said individual board members should begin contacting offices of their state governors to offer assistance in the 50-state quarter commemorative coin program.

Ed Rothberg proposed that two of the 10 governors' seats on the CSNS board be available to members living outside the 13-state region. Died for a lack of a second.

Jerry Lebo moved and Paul Padget seconded that the board meeting agenda be limited to items placed on the agenda and distributed to board members one month ahead of time, but allowing the president to waive the rule if the situation is justified. This allows board members to review items well ahead of the board meeting. Approved.

Executive Session:

The board voted to expand the duties of convention general chairman Kevin Foley to include future convention site coordinator. His compensation was increased by \$4,000 per year.

The board also voted to increase the secretary-treasurer's compensation from \$5,000 to \$6,000 per year.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Lebo
Secretary-Treasurer

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Three Small Forgotten Iron Kopeks

By Frank Passic

At the beginning of the First World War, the German army occupied part of the Russian Baltic region, namely Courland (Latvia), Lithuania, and Bialystok-Grodno (Poland and Belarus). Lithuania fell to the German army in September, 1915. General Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg was named the Supreme Commander of the Eastern Front and established his headquarters in Kaunas, Lithuania.

People in the occupied areas were unwilling to part with their gold-backed Russian Czarist rubles, which were worth twice as much as the German mark. The Germans would redeem ruble banknotes for gold to help finance the war, while at the same time devalue the money of their enemy. Von Hindenburg authorized the establishment of a new bank, the State Loan East Bank (Dearlehnskasse Ost), to issue currency and place it into circulation in the Baltic region. The new currency unit, the *rubel*, appeared in the summer of 1916. It was issued by the State Loan East Bank under the auspices of the East Bank of Commerce and Industry, headquartered in Posen (now Poznan, Poland).

The Germans declared the value of the new money “at par” with the Russian ruble, that is, double the value of the German mark. The notes were not backed by gold, however, but only by a “promise” from the German government that they could be redeemed at a later date for hard currency. A series of quadrilingual (German, Lithuania, Polish, Latvian) banknotes was issued in denominations of 20 and 50 kopeken, and 1, 3, 10, 25, and 100 rubles. Dated 1916, these were assigned Pick numbers P-R120 through P-R126. The Ostbank later moved to Kaunas, Lithuania and issued a new series of banknotes dated 1918.

There remained the problem, however, of making small change. To solve the problem, the military regime authorized the minting of small iron kopek coins. Their Russian counterparts had been minted in copper. These iron coins were minted in Berlin and Hamburg in denominations of 1, 2, and 3 kopeks. They all bear a date of 1916. Because of the exchange rate between the German mark and the Russian ruble, it was announced that three iron kopeks would be equivalent to



five German pfennigs, and six iron kopeks would be equivalent to ten pfennigs.

These coins have been problematic to collectors, as it seems that no one has claimed them as part of a regular “set” of coins. As a result, they have been relatively forgotten by the numismatic community. Some references have even listed them as “token coinage.” It is true that these coins are “by themselves” and don’t “fit in” to normal sets. But they are part of the numismatic legacy of World War I and should be included as such.

The coins circulated primarily in Lithuania and the surrounding Baltic region. Yet the Russian and German texts on them and their iron content are indicative of the military war use at the time. Their geographic circulating area was reduced at the end of World War I as countries gained independence and new money was issued. After 1919 they only circulated in Lithuania which adopted the “Ost” system until the national currency unit, the litas, was established in 1922.

Collectors have found through the years these iron kopeks often contain rust spots and are usually darkened due to oxidation. Although statistically not rare, these three small iron coins are hard to find on the numismatic market, especially in high grade examples. You usually have to specifically ask for them, not knowing how a dealer might have categorized them in his stock.

The three coins are listed on pages 663-664 of the 1998 25th anniversary edition of the *Standard Catalog of World Coins*, wedged in between “Empire” issues and “Weimar Republic” under the category of “Military Issues-WWI.” The 1 kopek has been assigned the Krause-Mishler number 21, 2 kopeks KM-22, and 3 kopeks KM-23.

The mintage figures for the Berlin Mint are rounded off in the SCWC, while



Hindenburg as a field marshal during World War I.

German general Paul von Hindenburg (1847-1934) served as Commander-in-Chief of the “Ost/East” region during World War I, and successfully drove the Russian army out of Lithuania and surrounding Baltic area in September, 1915.

It was von Hindenburg who authorized the establishment of the State Loan East Bank, and the issuance of coins and currency beginning in 1916.

Hindenburg established his headquarters at the former Russian garrison fortress in Kaunas, Lithuania.

those of the Hamburg Mint are nearly a million pieces more than listed in standard references such as Karys (1953) and Platbarzdis (1968). Because of the wartime nature of these coins, the exact mintages of the Hamburg Mint were not published. Mintage figures are only estimated, having been derived from the number of planchets shipped and other factors. Mintages are as follows: 1 kopek, Berlin Mint: 11,942,046; Hamburg Mint: 7,020,000 estimated. 2 kopeks, Berlin Mint: 6,972,574; Hamburg Mint: 7,020,000 estimated. 3 kopeks, Berlin Mint: 8,670,000; Hamburg Mint: 7,020,000 estimated. Both mints produced a collectors proof version and these are rarely seen on the collectors market today.

The weights and diameters of each denomination are as follows: **1 kopek.** Weight: 2.85 grams. Diameter: 21 mm. **2 kopeks.** Weight: 5.75 grams. Diameter: 24 mm. **3 kopeks.** Weight: 8.60 grams. Diameter: 28mm.

The design is the same on all three denominations, and no specific artist has been given credit as the author. Obverse description: A German military war emblem, the Iron Cross (Eisenkreuz) appears in the center. Inside the Cross, the denomination numeral appears on top, the word KOPEK(s) in Russian Cyrillic lettering in the center, and the date 1916 on the bottom. There is no design or legend surrounding the rim and the side rim of the coin is smooth.

Reverse description: Between four oak twigs are found the German words, "GEBEIT DES OBERBFEHLASHABERS OST," meaning "Region of the Commander-In-Chief East." The design is surrounded by a circle of beads. The mint-mark "A" for Berlin or "J" for Hamburg appears under the letter "S" in "OST."

In summary, these three small iron kopeks make an interesting set to collect and are a reminder of just one aspect of the various military issues of the World War I period.

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CSNS Records Update Needed

The Central States Numismatic Society is trying to update its history records. After reviewing current records, many items are missing. If you have any items relating to events sponsored by CSNS that you would like to contribute (show programs, badges, wooden nickels, medals, banquet tickets), please send to club historian Marvin Mericle, 1928 Dominion Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. Copies of *The Centinel* are not needed at this time.

Record-Setting, Seven Ton U.S. Coin Hoard in CSNS Area

Somewhere in the Central States region there's a house that for years contained more than seven tons of old coins, the largest known hoard of U.S. coins. But those who know the location of the home are not publicly divulging its whereabouts. Still, we know where all those coins now are located: They've been shipped to New Hampshire.

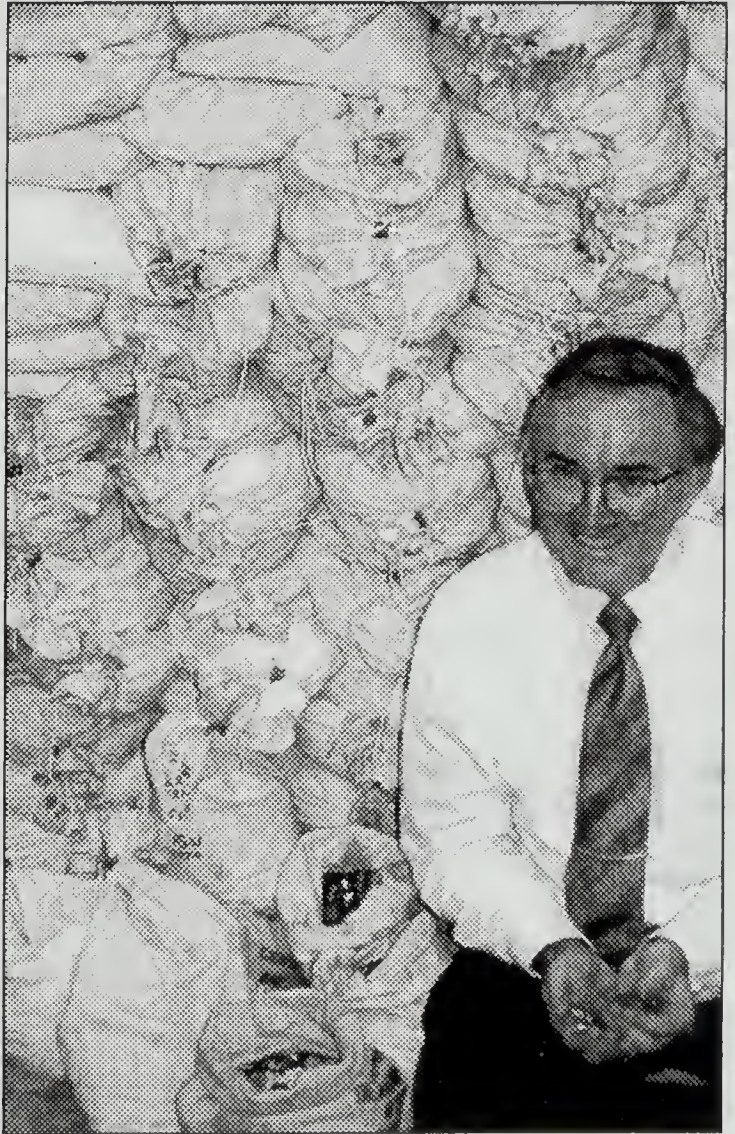
The record hoard of U.S. coins, an astonishing 1.746 million cents and nickels were stored for decades in canvas bags and 55 gallon metal drums, and hidden behind the walls of an anonymous Midwest collector's house. Recently, they were all purchased by Littleton Coin Co. of Littleton, New Hampshire.

Described as "The Midwest MegaHoard," the 7.6 ton purchase includes 950,000 circulated Indian Heads cents, 308,000 Liberty Head/V nickels and 488,000 Indian Head/Buffalo nickels.

"I'm told the collector spent 25 years accumulating the hoard and the floor boards of his house were sagging under the weight of all those coins," said David M. Sundman, Littleton President.

It took several months to ship the first batch from the hoard, 1.356 million coins, to Littleton's headquarters. They were contained in 390 canvas bags and boxes with a combined weight of 15,290 pounds.

"By far, this is the largest single purchase Littleton has made in its 53-year history. It certainly surpasses the hoard of 300,000 Buffalo nickels we bought early in 1998, and that was an amazing record number at the time," said Sundman.



Littleton Coin Co. President David M. Sundman happily displays the Midwest MegaHoard's 7.6 tons of coins piled in his Littleton, NH office.

Photo courtesy of Stephanie Westover

Acquired for a multi-million dollar price, Sundman estimates it now will take a full year to sort the MegaHoard by denomination, date, mintmark and grade.

“Our numismatic staff also will carefully look for varieties and errors, such as overdates and any three-legged Buffaloes,” he explained.

“We’re always in the market to buy collections and accumulations, and I personally thought the big Buffalo hoard we bought earlier this year would be a once-in-a-lifetime purchase. Happily, I was wrong! This exciting opportunity to acquire nearly 1.75 million coins at one time makes me wonder in amazement at what hoards still might be uncovered in the future,” Sundman said.

According to the 1997 book, *American Coin Treasures and Hoards*, by well-known numismatic author and researcher Q. David Bowers, there was another big CSNS region coin hoard earlier in the century. Before he died in 1926, Chicago beer baron Virgil Brand assembled a collection of over 300,000 assorted rare U.S. and foreign coins.

For additional information about the Midwest MegaHoard, contact Littleton Coin Co., 646 Union St., Littleton, NH 03561. Phone: 800-645-3122.

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The Autobiography of a Gold Coin

By Justin Perrault, YN

I am a gold coin, a member of an ancient, famous family by the name of Money. My people have been involved in a great deal of unhappiness in the world. We have been called "the root of all evil." Because of us, some of the bloodiest wars in history have started; panics, depressions, divided homes, anxiety, fear, sin, we have been blamed for it all.



On the other hand, my people have been the source of much happiness. We have brought sunshine into many dark corners of the world. We have healed the sick, fed the hungry, and housed the destitute. We have shielded little children from ignorance and want. We have built schools, libraries, hospitals and churches.

Perhaps I can illustrate by telling you about myself. I was minted in Denver, in 1861. This past century-and-a-quarter has been intriguing to

say the least. I'm sure you will find some interest in what I remember of the passing of my years. The Union was divided when I was made. Fort Sumpter had been attacked and President Lincoln had proclaimed a blockade of the South. So several hundred of my brothers and I were sacked up and shipped immediately to Washington.



The first four years of my life were hectic, as the War Between the States raged back and forth with brother fighting brother. I am not too proud of those years, for I was used many times to help in hurting others. First, many of us were used to buy a supply of new breech-loading carbine rifles, which a man named Sharp was making. Those rifles proved to be deadly instruments at places like Chancellorsville, Fredricksburg and Shiloh. It broke my heart to know I had bought a rifle to kill young men in the prime of life.



Even in war the good comes out in some folks, and in February of '65 I witnessed one of those experiences. It happened that I was placed in the pay envelope of a Union captain who was the Commandant of Camp Chase, a prisoner of war camp in Ohio. One night I went to lodge with him. But first, he went by the stockade and brought a young man outside, a rebel prisoner named Billy. He loaned him some suitable clothes and a horse and together they rode into town for the meeting. For a couple of hours

that night the two were as brothers, as they shared the secrets of their order. On the way back to the stockade, they shared their dreams and hopes of a time when men from Ohio and Mississippi could live in peace together. Their dreams took on possibilities in April when General Lee surrendered to General Grant at the Appomattox courthouse. In June, when the young Rebs were set free, the captain gave his friend a good suit of khakis and then pulled me from his pocket and pressed me into the palm of his prisoner friend as they shook hands for the last time.

I was all alone in my new owner's pocket on the long walk back to Mississippi. Many times hunger caused him to fondle me with a desire to buy food. But he wanted to keep me to remind him of the captains' kindness. In fact, he kept me for years, when I could have helped him. No personal need seemed to be stronger than his desire to remember the captain.

It was not long before a church called Billy to be their preacher. I still remember the long rides on horseback through the woods of Arkansas and Mississippi, as his faithful horse carried him to his preaching engagements. Over 20 years went by while he tenaciously held on to me.

There came a time at Bear Creek when the church needed to be rebuilt; I think it was in '88. They did not know how they could afford to build or how they could afford not to. One Sunday, Brother Billy was preaching and he was challenging the congregation on the need of sacrifice. He knew he had them squirming on those old, splintered pews. He nervously stopped and he slowly pulled me from his pocket. He looked at me for a moment and told the people about the time I was given to him, and how I always reminded him of his Yankee friend back in Ohio. He then walked over to the collection plate and lovingly laid me in it.

I really hated to leave the preacher, but before the day was over, I was joined by many of my brothers, sisters, and cousins. In the years that followed, I spent some time with people in places I would be ashamed to tell you about. I was used to purchase passing pleasures, which embarrassed me. It reminded me of my youth and the weapons I had bought to stain the beautiful green earth with the blood of young men.

In time, I ended up in the possession of a jeweler. He examined me very carefully as he peered at me through his loupe. After a close examination, he decided what to do. He put me in a vise and took a long bent pin, and all of a sudden I thought I was going to melt. He held the pin and the fire next to my tender skin for what seemed an eternity. When I finally cooled down, that pin was attached to me hard and fast.

One thing led to another, and I ended up in Houston on display in a store on Main Street. It must have been in the late 20's; seems like about '28. I remember the Republicans were there by the hundreds, talking about some fellow named Al Smith. Many people looked at me, but they were not buying much jewelry. Guess they were putting all their money into the campaign to beat some fellow named Hoover.

However, not too long afterward, an older man came into the store and bought me. He stuck me in the tie he had just bought at Shudde Brothers and we

headed north. My new home was out in the country. I discovered my new owner had lots of my brothers and sisters and cousins. He kept my kin who had not been defaced stashed away in different places. I even heard rumors that he had buried some of us in the ground.

I wondered why, and some of my friends thought he might be a miser. Others said he might be keeping us in secret places because his only child was in the “big house” over in Huntsville for embezzling. I guess if he could not trust his own son, he surely would not trust any other banker. And banks were going broke all around us.

I think it was in ‘34 that my owner came back from town terribly upset. I heard him talking to his wife about the government calling in all the gold. It was a trying time for the couple. They were wise enough to know they would not be able to spend us, but what were they going to do? They finally decided they did not have any choice but to turn in their gold.

I remember the day as if it were yesterday. They piled us all on a table and counted us one more time, carefully. Of course, they could not turn me in as legal tender, since I had been defaced. They picked out two of my little brothers and put the three of us in the bottom part of the old clock above the fireplace.

Heartbroken over their son’s imprisonment and the recall of their gold, the old couple deteriorated fast. Ever so often, a lady and her towheaded boy would come to check on them. She usually brought food from the store and made sure they had their medicine. She would sit at the old upright piano and play songs for the elderly couple and trigger dreams of better days.

Well, before they died, they gave the clock and piano to her, and we moved to her home. In the move, I fell into a crack in the clock and lived in that crack for forty years. I was terribly lonely. My two little gold brothers and some silver sisters, as well as some copper cousins, were found, but they did not discover me. I finally gave up the hope of enjoying the outside world again. I watched from my crack in the clock as the lady grew older and older, moving from place to place in those last years. The clock had long ago quit, but she still liked to look at it. If only I could have come out of my wooden casket and cheered her up. Her towheaded boy had grown up, and his own children were grown when the lady passed the clock on to him. Of course, I went along.

Shortly thereafter, my new owner took me to an old clock maker. He really wasn’t taking in any more clocks, but when he found out the clock was a black-faced Fashion clock, he said bring it in. As soon as my new owner was gone, the old man began carefully and lovingly to examine the clock. Then, miracle of miracles, he found me!

He must have known that no one knew I was there. How easy it would have



been to take me as his own. But he called my new owner and told him about me. Free, free at last!

My new owner had the pin removed from me, encircled me with a ring and hung me around the neck of his mother, who had unknowingly owned me for forty years. Four years ago, the first of this month, when she died, he gave me to his wife. In these last few years, I have had a good life. You can see more when you are hanging around the neck of a pretty lady than you can in a man's pocket, or between two boards in a clock.

I see a lot of my brothers have come out of seclusion. We are no longer legal tender, but we are pendants or bracelets, and some of us are even rings on people's hands. I go to church a lot, now, and I meet my brothers and while our owners talk, we visit about the places we've been, the things we've seen, the sadness we've known and the joys we've shared.

Oh, I could write a book. People say money is the root of all evil. Now, just a minute. Do you think I had any control over how I was spent, hoarded, or idolized? Don't blame me for where I have been or what I have done. It is people who decide that for me. Ever since that fellow dug my makings out of the side of Pike's Peak, back in 1858, people have decided my fate. I am just as good as you make me or as bad as you decide.

Excerpts for this article are from The Autobiography of a Gold Coin by W. Carroll Fancher. From the Editor: This article is intended to be fictitious. Dates and places are not intended to be factual.



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HARRY W. BASS, JR. RESEARCH FOUNDATION RECEIVES BASS GOLD COIN COLLECTION

In 1991 Mr. Harry W. Bass, Jr. created the Harry W. Bass, Jr. Research Foundation to keep intact his rare and very significant collections of U.S. numismatics, in order that they will be available in perpetuity to serious numismatists for purposes of education and research.

Upon his death in April, 1998, Mr. Bass left the remaining thousands of numismatic items in his personal collection to the Research Foundation. These recent acquisitions greatly enlarge the scope of the holdings of the Research Foundation and now serve as one of the most significant research holdings of U.S. numismatics in the world.

One aspect of the Research Foundation's promotion of numismatic scholarship is to provide on the Internet (<http://www.hbrf.org>) a wide range of indexes of numismatic scholarship from civil war times to the present, which are included in NIP (Numismatic Indexes Project). Other numismatic resources available on the Research Foundation's website, in cooperation with the American Numismatic Society (ANS) in New York City, are listings of over a half-million ANS coins and other numismatic items, a partial listing of the ANS Library holdings, and the full-text listing of many of their past and present issues of "Numismatic Literature," which reviews contemporary numismatic publications around the world.

Presently in the process of recording and cataloging its new holdings from Mr. Bass' estate, the Research Foundation also plans in the coming year to provide listings and photographs on the website of some of the more significant items. This includes Mr. Bass' extensive U.S. Pattern collection, an impressive collection of large size U.S. paper currency, and his exceptional collection of U.S. Gold.

Persons interested in examining portions of the collections in pursuit of their numismatic research and writing endeavors should contact the Harry W. Bass, Jr. Research Foundation office at its new address, 4809 Cole Avenue, Suite 252, Dallas, Texas 75205 during normal office hours, e-mail Ed Deane (eddeane@hbrf.org), or call (214) 599-0362 for more information.



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Treasure of Xerxes

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And now, as he looked and saw the whole Hellespont covered with the vessels of his fleet and all the shore and every plain about Abydos as full as possible of men, Xerxes congratulated himself upon his good fortune; but after a little while he wept. His uncle Artabanus, who was with him at the time, asked about this strange expression of contradictory feelings. "I was thinking," Xerxes replied, "and it came into my mind how pitifully short human life is..."
Herodotus VII, 45-46

This moment in history described by the ancient historian Herodotus was perhaps one of the greatest military undertakings in history given the current technology. The accounts relate that the great Persian king Xerxes amassed an army of 1,700,000 for his invasion of Greece in 480 B.C. An entire city was needed to feed the army just two meals, and an entire river ran dry when they drank. And huge quantities of silver coins were struck to finance the massive military payroll and all the expenses of huge military operations. The Hellespont was the waterway at least a mile wide connecting the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea and separating Europe from Asia Minor. In order to move his vast army Xerxes commanded his engineers, mostly Phoenecians and Egyptians, to build a bridge. To do this 674 ships were tied together in a double row and planks were laid over the decks. The planks were covered with brushwood and dirt to create a road. Xerxes invaded Greece and very nearly succeeded in conquering the civilized world.

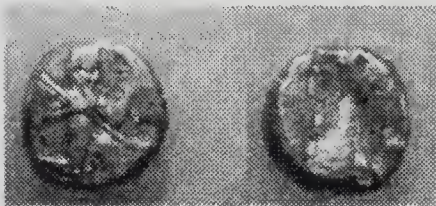
As the Persians moved through northern Greece they were met at the pass of Thermopylae, where the 300 Spartans led by Leonidas fought to the last man, and successfully delayed the Persian advance long enough for the Greek cities to prepare. Although Xerxes captured Athens, the Athenians had fled with their fleet to the nearby island of Salamis where the Persian fleet was defeated by the more experienced Athenian navy. The army of the allied Greek city-states, led by Spartans was able to defeat the Persian army at Plataea in 479 B.C. and effectively ended Xerxes' attempted conquest of Greece.

Xerxes is long dead, and his observations on the brevity of human existence still applies today, even though we average more than twice the usual life span of the ancients. By collecting, studying and handling the coins of the ancients, our human experience can be greatly enhanced. In our hands we have relics of great kings who commanded huge armies to conquer kingdoms now vanished. These treasures of precious metals that are now unearthed from the former paths of these ancient armies are sometimes the only tangible links that we have to those battles. Now you can expand your horizons to the fifth Century B.C. with a modest contribution to the Jonathan K. Kern Co.

This hoard of silver was composed of over 100 pounds of struck sigloi. A single siglos averages 5.55 grams of nearly pure silver and depicts the Great King of Persia as an archer in an action pose. Some interpret his posture as

the archaic art expression of running, and others describe him as kneeling. These coins were struck with a heavy sledge hammer on very thick oblong planchets, much like silver bullets, with a handheld upper die depicting the archer. The lower die was probably embedded in wood or stone to secure it. The lower, or reverse die of these coins, was used in the manner of the very first coins ever produced in the world. This lower die was a roughly rectangular raised metal lump, appearing in hundreds of mysterious variations. The raised reverse die created an incuse impression for the backs of the sigloi. Museum studies now in progress utilize the reverse incused impressions for quick die referencing, since the obverse impression of the Great King is frequently off center. These coins represented a huge explosion in the production of coined money, and were struck rapidly to fill the need for pre-weighted silver authorized by a powerful ruler.

The Great King is shown holding a spear and a bow on the sigloi attributed to the Asia Minor mint of Sardeis, in Lydia and a bow and dagger on the other type which are possibly all from a different mint further south. Frequently they are countermarked with tiny punches by merchants or bankers, possibly to attest to the quality of the silver. We can sell either type in a **nice fine grade for \$37** each, a **nice very fine for \$77** each or a **nice extremely fine for \$277** each. The raised obverse always grades much less than the incused reverse so our nice fine will usually have an extremely fine reverse.



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CSNS Fall Convention Hosted by ILNA

The Central States Numismatic Society's Fall Convention was held September 10-13 at the Harvey, Illinois Ramada Inn. The event was hosted by the Illinois Numismatic Association. Kermit Wasmer served as General Chairman. Clayton Hegemann was the Bourse Chairman.

The coin show portion of the Fall Convention consisted of a 130-booth bourse area and also saw an auction conducted by D'Atri Auctions.

Saturday afternoon saw an impressive array of educational programs and meetings. Jim Kaczor, a former Central States Governor, who also received an American Numismatic Association President's Award at the Convention, gave a talk on "Whitman Red Books." James Taylor, the former education director of the American Numismatic Association, spoke on "The Modern Minting Process." CSNS Past President John Wilson and his wife Nancy gave a presentation on "Three Dollar Obsolete Notes," while Krause Publication President Cliff Mishler spoke on "How the Coin Collecting Community Has Changed Over the Last Half of the 20th Century — What is the Promise of the Future?" John Wright gave a program, "Show and Tell of Large Cent Varieties," while Gary Apelian and Joe Tomasko spoke at an Early American Coppers Club meeting, and Tim Kyzivat, treasurer of the Professional Currency Dealers Association, was the featured speaker at a meeting of the Society of Paper Money Collectors meeting.

The Fall Convention also had a full range of educational exhibits. The Best of Show Award was captured by Ray Dillard for his display of Elongated Coins.

Sonny Henry and Kermit Wasmer were honored by the American Numismatic Association during the Convention festivities with an ANA President's Award.

Convention Photo Highlights Harvey, IL - September 10-13, 1998

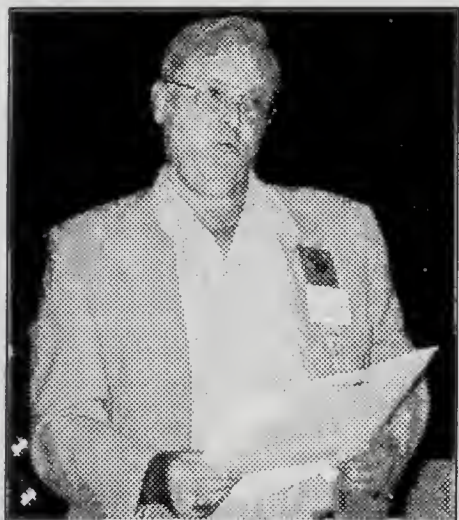


President Roger Winkelhake (l.) looked on while Anniversary Convention General Chairman Kevin Foley reported to Secretary Jerry Lebo and Governor Ray Lockwood (r.) on preparation for the April 22-25 Milwaukee event at the new Midwest Express Center.



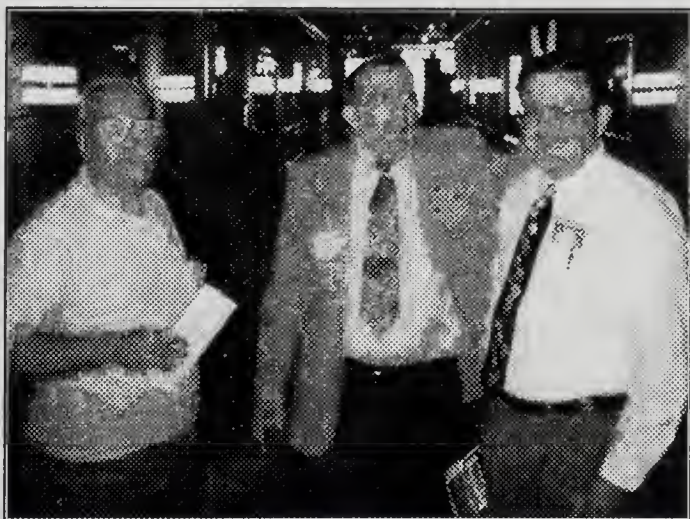
Among the dealers with booths at the CSNS Fall Convention were Sue (l.) and Bob Rozycki (c.), who spent time visiting with fellow dealer Al Hurry (r.).

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CSNS Governor Harry Tileston of Kentucky addressed the Board on financial matters during the Fall meeting in Harvey, Illinois.

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CSNS Secretary Jerry Lebo engages in some Fall Convention hijinks with President Roger Winkelhake (r.) while ILNA member Jim Kaczor (l.) looks on.

Photo courtesy Kevin Foley



American Numismatic Association Governors Helen Carmody (l.) and John Wilson (r.) honored Fall Convention Chairman Kermit Wasmer with an ANA President's Award while Kermit's wife Donna looks on.

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President Roger Winkelhake (c.) addresses the Board at the Fall Convention while flanked by Legal Counsel Rob Green (l.) and Secretary Jerry Lebo (r.).

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Dealer Glen Jorde traveled from Devils Lake, North Dakota to man a booth at the CSNS Fall Convention in Harvey, Illinois. He was assisted by his daughter Lynn.

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The ANA presented three ILNA board members with ANA Presidential Awards. Pictured are James Taylor, former ANA Educational Director; ANA Governor Helen Carmody; and award recipients Jim Kaczor, Sonny Henry and Kermit Wasmer, and ANA Governor John Wilson.

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Exhibit award winners: Front row, Betty Finner, John Cupp, Ray Dillard, Nancy Wilson and Jennifer Kuester. Second row, Rollie Finner, Donna Wasmer, Tim Kyzivat and Roy Kuester.

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Central Illinois Numismatic Association of Springfield, IL being presented its 50-year ANA membership plaque by ANA Governor John Wilson. Pictured Dick Washburn, Steve Butler, John Wilson, Charlie Meeker, Jay Peniwell and Jerry Morgan

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Betty and Rollie Finner at the CSNS table. Back row: Jack Huggings, Roger Winkelhake, Ray Lockwood, Donna Wasmer, Jerry Lebo and Kermit Wasmer.

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Sculpture by Buffalo Nickel Designer to be Honored on Medal

A medal to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Chicago Coin Club will feature a sculpture by James Earle Fraser, the designer of the Indian head or Buffalo nickel. The sculpture, called "The Pioneers," is found on the northwest pylon of the Michigan Avenue Bridge, near the famous Wrigley Building, in downtown Chicago.

The medal will be die-struck in bronze, sterling silver and 10kt. gold. Its large size (approximately 2.625" x 3.5" x .188") and irregular shape qualify it to be called a plaque. On the obverse, or front, will be a reduced replica of the monumental sculpture. The reverse will feature the inscription "COMMEMORATING THE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB, 1919-1990, THE PIONEERS, A SCULPTURE BY JAMES EARLE FRASER, MICHIGAN AVENUE BRIDGE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS." The serial number will be placed below the inscription. "The Pioneers" was dedicated in 1928. Beneath it is the inscription "JOHN KINZIE, FUR TRADER, SETTLED NEAR THIS SPOT IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, ONE OF A BAND OF COURAGEOUS PIONEERS WHO WITH THEIR LIVES AT STAKE STRUGGLED THROUGH THE WILDERNESS BREAKING SOIL FOR THE SEEDS OF A FUTURE CIVILIZATION." Fraser also designed a complementary sculpture, "The Discoverers," for the northeast pylon

"THE PIONEERS" DIE STRUCK MEDALLION



Front



Back

of the Michigan Avenue Bridge over the Chicago River. Chicago chewing gum tycoon William Wrigley, Jr. raised \$100,000 to beautify Michigan Avenue's public works and was the benefactor for both monuments.

The sculptor was a talented and prolific artist who was active from the turn of the century until his death in 1953. His two most famous works are the Buffalo nickel, struck in 1913 to 1938, and the sculpture "The End of the Trail," showing a weary American Indian resting on his horse. He also produced numerous public monuments and large statues of presidents, statesmen, pioneers and American Indians. Much of his monumental work is found in Washington, DC, but it also appears in Chicago, New York and other cities.

Pre-orders are being taken through December 31, 1998, and medals will be available in April 9-11, 1999 at the Chicago International Coin Fair. Bronze medals are priced at \$30, and \$35 after December 31. Sterling silver pieces are priced at \$150 and gold at \$2,500. Orders to be shipped must include \$5 each for bronze and silver; \$15 to ship and insure the gold.

The number of silver and gold pieces struck will be equal to those pre-ordered. Bronze mintage will be a minimum of 100, or a small number over the number pre-ordered, whichever figure is larger.

Each individual medal will be housed in a gold foil imprinted black box with cotton stuffing and a printed history of the medal and sculpture on acid-free paper.

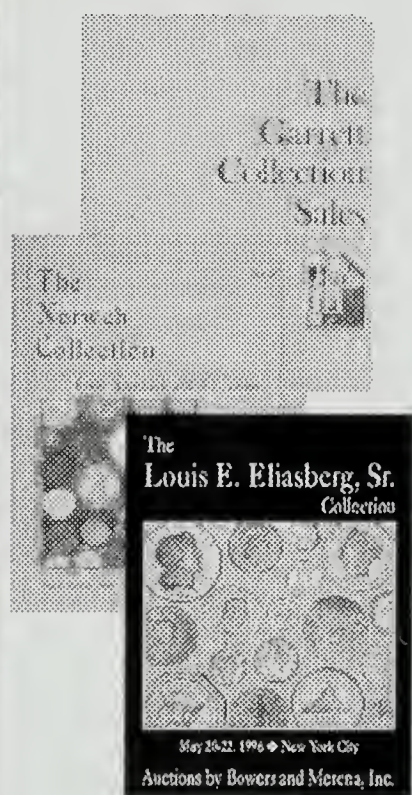
In addition to the regular mintage, the club is offering an unusual "process set." This is a series of nine pieces, displaying the results of the minting process. The first piece is the blank, unstruck planchet. The next six pieces show the medals at each stage as they are repeatedly struck to bring out the very high relief. The eighth piece is fully struck and has the trim removed. The final piece is a completely finished, oxidized and serially numbered medal. These nine-piece sets in bronze are available on pre-order for only \$250, plus \$12 for shipping. Packaging for the process set is undetermined at this time.

The Chicago Coin Club is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to spreading information about numismatics. Monthly meetings are held in downtown Chicago. The club looks at all facets of the hobby, including U.S. and international coins, primitive money, paper currency, checks, other printed notes, tokens and medals. The club was organized in 1912 as American Numismatic Association Branch Club No. 1, and was reorganized under its current name in 1919. It will be hosting the American Numismatic Association 108th Anniversary Convention, August 11-15, 1999. The club has published a numismatic reference book and issued numerous medals, replicas of primitive money, and souvenir sheets of broken banknotes of Chicago. Among these was a 75th anniversary plaque featuring Fraser's other Michigan Avenue Bridge sculpture, "The Discoverers."

For additional information about the club or to see some of their past works, visit their web site at: www.ece.iit.edu/~prh/coins/ccc.html. To order medals, please make your check payable to Chicago Coin Club and send it to P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690.

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1873 Was Prolific Year For United States coins

By S. Porter Logan

The year 1873 was pivotal and prolific for United States coinage. It saw the birth of the trade dollar and the death of such issues as the two-cent piece, the half-dime and the three-cent silver coin. A complete variety set of 1873 coinage would require 54 coins.

The vintage was so intriguing that the late Harry X Boosel came to be known as “Mr. 1873” for his research into coinage of that year.

Some critics have called the year’s coinage legislation the “Crime of ‘73” because of problems that ensued, especially with the trade dollar.

The law effectively took the United States off a bimetallic standard (gold and silver), creating a gold standard instead. The trade dollar replaced the traditional silver dollar that had seen only limited circulation, and it would be 1878 before silver miners and other proponents were able to convince Congress to resume production of the traditional silver dollar.

The trade dollar contained slightly more silver than did the old silver dollar. Its purpose was to circulate in the Orient in competition mainly with Mexican silver coinage of the same weight. The Mexican peso was favored by Chinese business interests, putting American businessmen at a disadvantage in many cases (unless they had pesos).

Congress gave the trade dollar legal tender status up to \$5 for any transaction within the United States, but repealed that provision in 1876 because of abuses that followed a drop in the price of silver. More abuses were to follow.

With silver prices down, miners began producing more silver in hopes of increasing profits. An abundance of trade dollars couldn’t be absorbed in the Orient and wound up being dumped in the domestic market. By 1876 the amount of bullion silver in the trade dollar fell as low as 80 cents.

Congress, which never intended for the trade dollar to circulate domestically, repealed that provision. Meanwhile, savvy businessmen bought millions of dollars worth of trade dollars at or near bullion value and began paying their employees with the coins, but at face value. The workers were caught in the middle. Many merchants wouldn’t accept the dollars, or if they did, it was often at discounted values.

Despite repeal of the legal tender status, trade dollars continued to be struck for circulation into 1878 and in proof-only for collectors through 1883.

The trade dollar is the only United States coin to ever lose its legal tender status. The coinage act of 1965 apparently restored the legal tender status, but the point is moot because trade dollars today are worth more than face value both

from a numismatic view and a bullion value standpoint.

So how did we wind up with a 1873 variety set that would require 54 coins to complete?

As mentioned earlier, the law eliminated the minting of the half dime, which duplicated the nickel five-cent coin, and the three-cent silver piece, whose nickel counterpart continued in production until 1889. Also knocked out was the two-cent coin that had been introduced just nine years earlier in 1864.

However, there was overlapping. For example, you'd need three coins of the three-cent denomination — the one made of silver and two made of nickel because of the "open 3" and "closed 3" varieties.

There are also mint marks to consider and whether silver coins contain arrows or not at the date.

The 1873 law also increased the weight of circulating silver coins ever so slightly. Arrows were placed at the date to signify coins produced under the new law.

Breen also notes that many silver coins from earlier years were subsequently melted, creating numismatic rarities of today.

Arrows remained on silver coins through 1874.

The 1873 law also mandated that all minor coinage be struck at the Philadelphia mint. It wasn't until 1908 that a minor coin would carry a mint mark (S on the Indian Head cent).

One final note. The 1873 law also moved the mint directorship from Philadelphia to Washington where it remains today.

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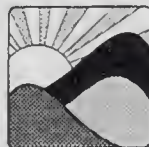
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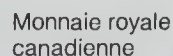
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A collection of various Canadian coins and medals. In the foreground, a large circular medal features a four-leaf clover and a wheat stalk. To its left is a 20-dollar coin with a portrait of a man and a landscape. To its right is a 1-dollar coin with a portrait of a man and the text 'CANADA DOLLAR'. In the background, there are several other coins and medals, including one with a portrait of a man and the text 'CANADA', and another with a portrait of a man and the text 'CANADA 20 DOLLARS'. The coins and medals are arranged in a cluster, with some overlapping.

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Strasburg, Pennsylvania Hosts Paper Collectors

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The show featured a 35-booth bourse area. On Saturday afternoon William Millar gave a presentation on "Paper and the Constitution." The show also played host to a membership meeting of the Check Collectors Roundtable.

Past President of the Central States Numismatic Society John Wilson was called on to cut the ribbon officially opening the event to the public on Friday morning. He was joined by his wife Nancy in presenting their prize winning exhibit of Santa Claus vignettes on paper money and related ephemera.

The Strasburg auction featured a wide array of different types of collectible paper money. Among the sale highlights was an Uncirculated Seven Shilling merchants note dated December 8, 1734, which sold for \$11,550. A rare Massachusetts Three Pence note dated June, 1772 was hammered down for \$18,700.

In the Confederate Bond area, a \$5,000 CR. 174 issued to the Citizens Savings Bank of Lynchburg, Virginia sold for \$6,875. Collectors of National Bank Notes bid a \$20 1902 Series note issued by the First National Bank of Hermiston, Oregon to \$4,840, while a \$3 Federal issue under the Act of February 24, 1815 found a new home at \$4,730.

A highlight of the auction was the sale of the Michigan Obsolete Bank Note Collection of well-known CSNS member Charles Fenwick. Fenwick is best known in the region for his work on behalf of the Michigan State Numismatic Society.

Letter to the Editor

Thanks to everyone!

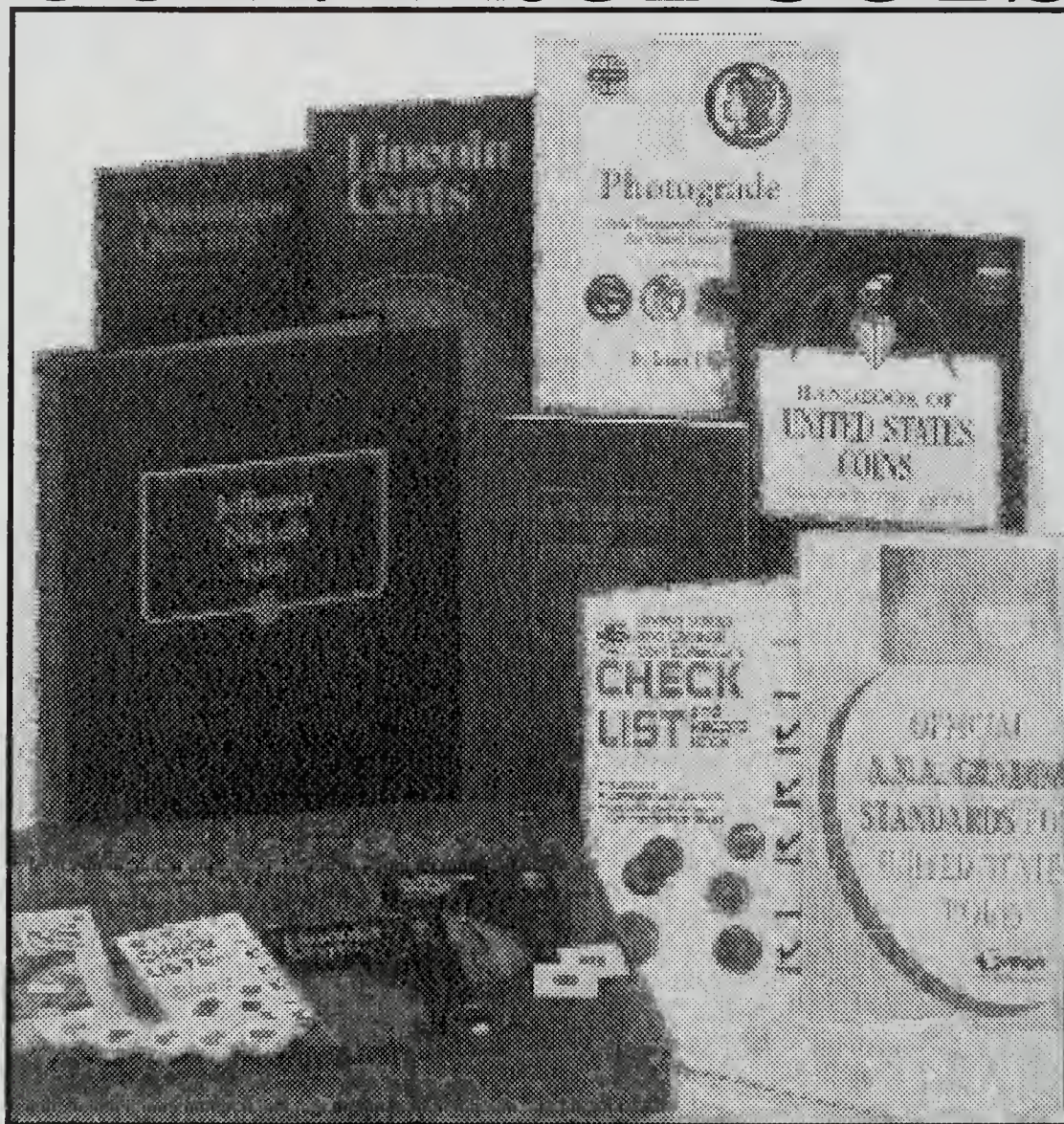
I attended the Central States Numismatic Society Fall Coin Show last Saturday with my two sons, Alex (6) and Austin (2).

I was apprehensive about taking them to a coin show and expected to be greeted as if I were a leper. Imagine my surprise when the first booth I saw was the young numismatists' booth with stacks of freebies for my sons. The pleasant surprises continued as someone in most every aisle had some trinket or other to give them. In addition to what my boys received on the way in, their gifts included some proof Lincoln cents, foreign banknotes, a CU \$1.00 Silver Certificate, candy, and a hot dog. Alex also bought a roll of 50 different Wheaties and we spent the evening filling holes in Whitman folders.

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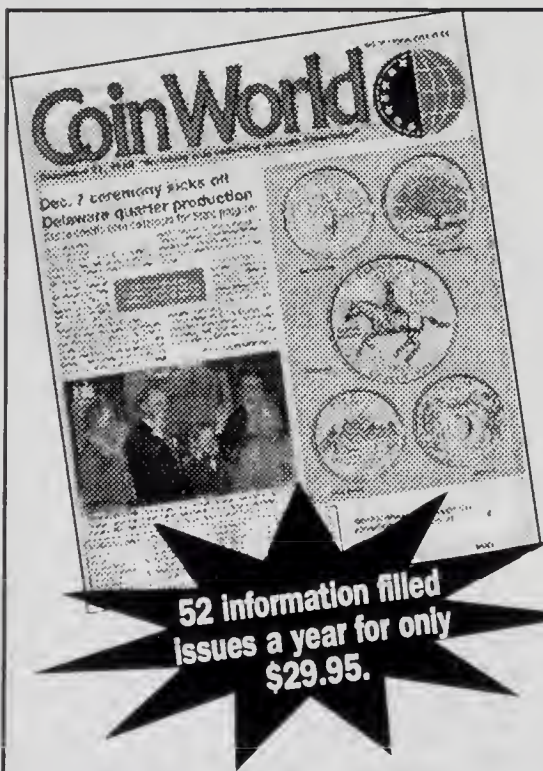


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Harry Tileston Honored with ANA Presidential Award

An American Numismatic Association Presidential Award was presented to Harry Tileston during the Kentucky State Numismatic Association coin show October 23-25 in Louisville, Kentucky.

The award was presented to Tileston by ANA Regional Coordinator Don Young

Tileston is in his second term as KSNA president and has served as the bourse chairman for the show. He is serving his fourth term as governor of CSNS.

Tileston is the only active charter member of the Louisville Coin Club which he helped form in the fall of 1948 at a meeting in the University of Louisville Library.



Harry Tileston was presented with the ANA Presidential Award at the KSNA Convention. Shown are ANA Regional Coordinator Don Young, LCC President Lee Forsythe, Harry Tileston and his wife, Susan.

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1999 SHOW CALENDAR

MUNCIE, INDIANA – JANUARY 24

Muncie Coin Club's 42nd Annual Show, Ball State University, 2200 University Avenue, Student Center - Cardinal Hall, Muncie, IN. Ray Saylor, P.O. Box 1184, Muncie, IN 47304. 765/288-0371

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS – FEBRUARY 7

Rockford Area Coin Club 85th Semi-Annual Coin Show, Holiday Inn Hoffman House, 7550 E. State St.

ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA – FEBRUARY 14

Southern Minnesota Coin and Currency Show sponsored by the Rochester Area Coin Club, Radisson Plaza Hotel, 150 South Broadway. Jerry Swanson, P.O. Box 565, Rochester, MN 55903. 507/289-5099.

ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS – FEBRUARY 18-21

Chicago Paper Money Exposition 5th Annual Show, Ramada O'Hare Hotel, 6600 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL. Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 573, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414/481-7287, Fax 414/481-7297.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA – MARCH 21

The Old Fort Coin Club Annual Coin and Currency Show, Allen County Fairgrounds. Mark Eberhardt, P.O. Box 11051, Fort Wayne, IN 46855. 219/486-8876.

COLUMBUS, OHIO – MARCH 26-27

CNS/Coins 1st Annual Coin Club Show, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 300 West Broad St., Columbus, OH. Bill Kamb, 224 Olentangy Ridge Place, Powell, OH 43065. 614/436-9771.

MARION, INDIANA – MARCH 28

Marion Coin Club 41st Annual Show, Grant County 4-H Fairgrounds. W. Ray Lockwood, P.O. Box 93, Marion, IN 46952. 765/664-6520.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS – MARCH 28

Central Illinois Numismatic Association's Annual Spring Coin Show, Northfield Center I, Northfield Dr. and Dirksen Pkwy., Springfield, IL 62702. Steve Butler, 1712 S. First St., Springfield, IL 62704. 217/528-7634.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN – APRIL 8-10

South Shore Coin Club's 35th Annual Show, The Grand Milwaukee Hotel, 4747 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, WI. Annette Tramte, 2368 S. 59th St., West Allis, WI 53219. 414/541-7028.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA – APRIL 17-18

Nebraska Numismatic Association 44th Annual Convention, Holiday Inn, Ford Hall, I-80 and 72nd St., Omaha, NE. Steve Drake, P.O. Box 1003, Omaha, NE 68101-1003. 402/571-5421.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA – APRIL 17-18

Oskaloosa-Southern Iowa Coin Club Show, Penn Central Mall, 200 High Avenue West, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. Gail McKee, P.O. Box 11, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. 515/673-4011.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN – APRIL 22-25

Central States Numismatic Society's 60th Annual Convention, Midwest Express Center, Milwaukee, WI. Jerry Lebo. P.O. Box 841, Logansport, IN 46947. 219/753-2489.

ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS – APRIL 8-11

Chicago International Coin Fair 24th Annual Show, Ramada O'Hare Hotel, 6600 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL. Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 573, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414/481-7287, Fax 414/481-7297.

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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY – OCTOBER 8-10

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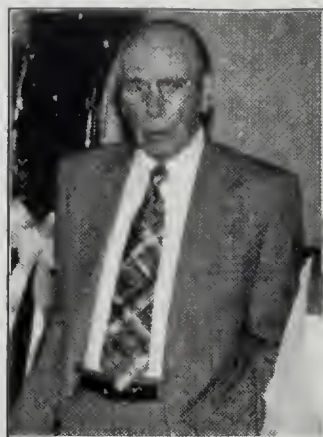
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Former CSNS Gov. Don Hudson.



Happy couple cut the wedding cake.



Clockwise: Kermit Wasmer, Donna Wasmer, Marv Mericle, Barb Mericle, Hamie Hendrickson, Leon Hendrickson.



Bride Helen Carmody and Best Friend of Bride Fran Lockwood.



Former Indianapolis Coin Club President Jim Goaziou and wife Sherry. Numismatic author Bob Julian in the background.

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Applicants must be a CSNS member in good standing for a period of at least one (1) year prior to applying for a scholarship application.

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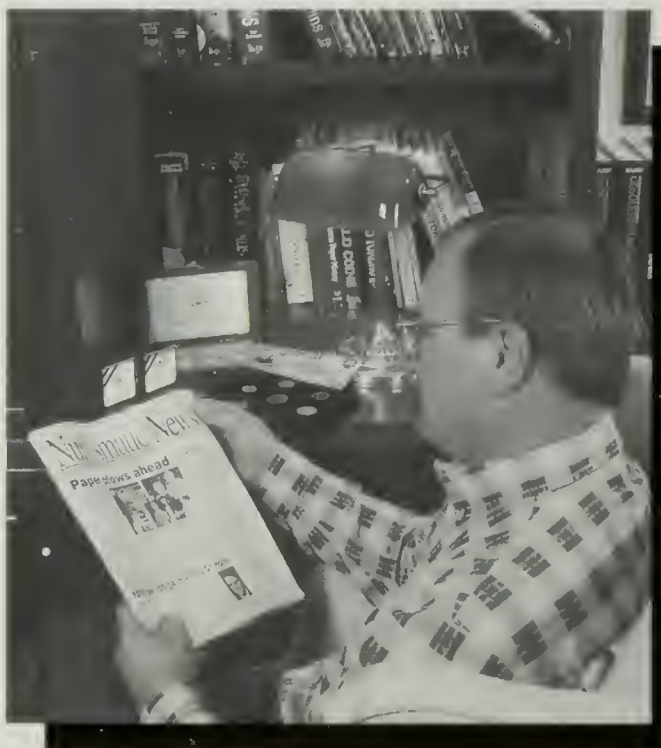
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